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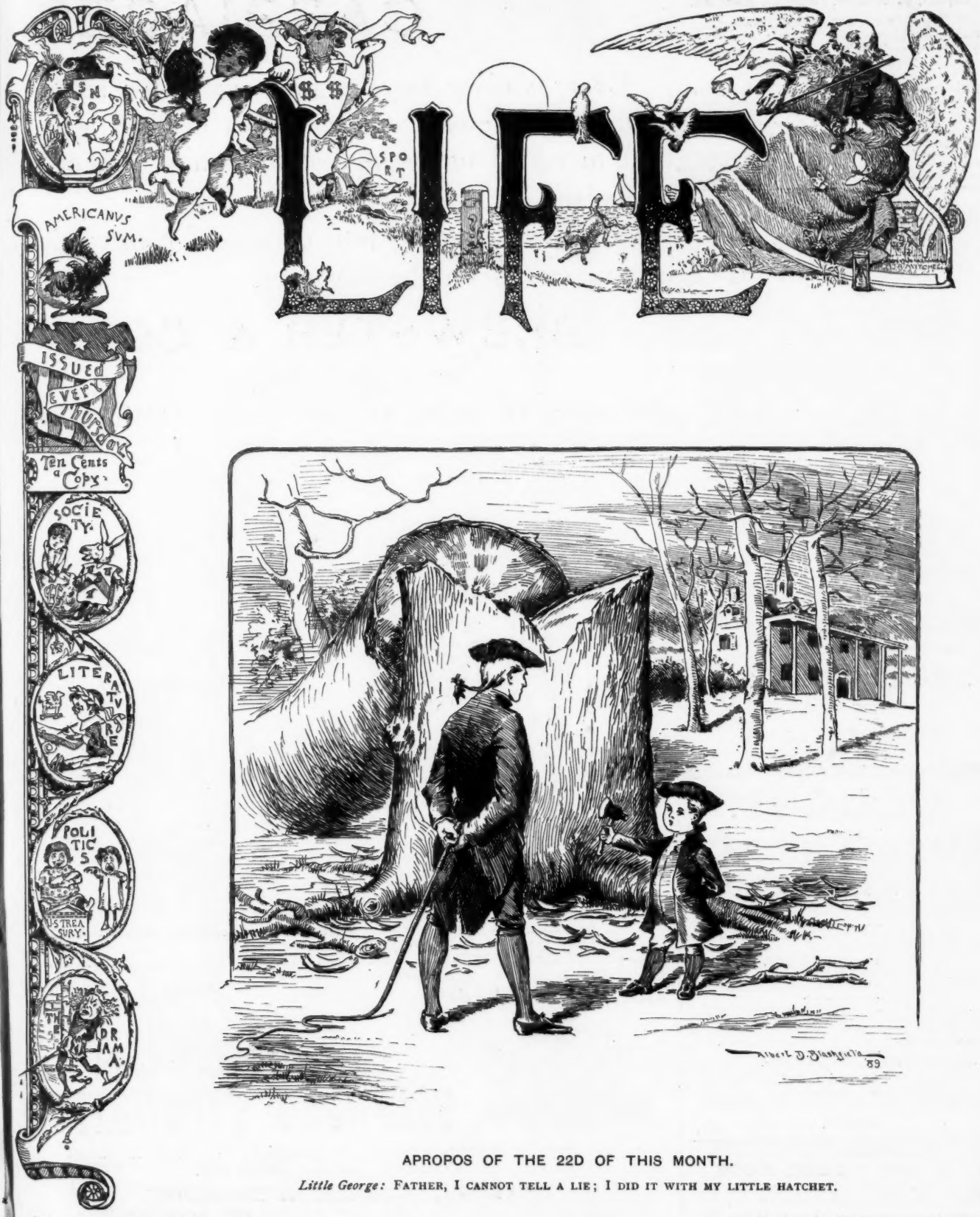

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SOME RESULTS.

Bishop Gullem: I AM DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT JAPAN IS GOING TO ADOPT CHRISTIANITY.

Miss Penelope Peachblow: INDEED! WELL, IF IT IS OF THE UNITED STATES KIND THEY'LL HAVE TO ENLARGE THEIR JAILS AND MAINTAIN AN EFFICIENT CORPS OF BANK INSPECTORS.

"While there's Life there's Hope."

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ABOUT this time in the winter, in old times when we had winters, Phineas Barnum's "taggers" used to get loose around Bridgeport and his lions ate the heads off of too-confiding keepers. Such incidents were rough on the keepers and were a source of considerable anxiety to parents whose children also went loose in Bridgeport streets, but the reports in the newspapers that were based on them will be gratefully remembered as among our surest harbingers of spring. We have no harbingers of spring this year. All available ones have been used up in the effort to coax winter into circulation. Up to the time of this writing it has been no go. There is only a little fringe of winter to the season, like the sealskin collar you sometimes see adjusted in the effort to transform a linen duster into an all-the-year-round garment. Winter is a failure. It might possibly have been different if Barnum had stayed at Bridgeport and worked in his harbingers in due course.

Do not forget us, Phineas! We are having a queer time, and if you could catch our winter you might do business with it as a curiosity. But your memory is among the greenest of the many green environs we have. Do not forget us! We will think of you in April, when we're getting in our hay.

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AND speaking of the winter, the *Philadelphia Press* records the story of a mariner of that town who arrived from London on the 4th of February and reported to have seen, five days before, an iceberg a mile and a half long and 350 feet high. Of course, being a Philadelphian, he didn't bring it in. But what a chance lost to have gathered in a whole ice supply at one tow! Other mariners will do well to remember that there is more money in icebergs this season than there ever was in whales.

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AGAIN as to the season: Washington's Day is imminent and may possibly bring with it some contributions to the discussion as to whether he was an American or not. The topic is a great one and the virulence with which it is discussed does not perceptibly abate. Among its earliest patrons was the late Matthew Arnold; Prof. Goldwin Smith has expressed views upon it; Mr. J. R. Lowell is accused of being mixed up in it, and so is Clarence King. Among the more important performers upon it within the past year have been Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge and the *London Saturday Review*. The uncertainty which accounts for the uncommon vitality of the discussion does not at all concern George Washington as to whom all the facts are known and accepted. What is really in question is at what time tail feathers worn in the hair ceased to be an essential qualification of the true American and what distinguishing characteristics took their place. Whenever the doctors can agree whether there was such a thing as a Caucasian American in the latter half of the eighteenth century, and what were his dimensions and symptoms, it will be a simple matter to measure our father, George, by their standard and see if he fits.

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THOMAS C. PLATT, expressman and ex-senator, is a singularly-hard man to kill, but it seems as if his thimblerigging with the World's Fair bill might fetch him yet. A good many of us who would feel relieved rather than otherwise at the prospect of unloading the Fair on Washington are yet unable conscientiously to approve of the method of averting it that Mr. Platt employs. If a man must scalp his father, let him scalp him dutifully and with decent candor. This notion of ripping off the top of his head under pretense that he is threatened with brain disease has a smack of duplicity about it which makes the whole crime disgusting. We all know that Mr. Platt can be as wicked as he will and none of his subjects will think the worse of him, but can he—can he afford to be disgusting?

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THERE is some talk of forming a syndicate and buying back the privileges of the House of Representatives from Speaker Reed. His striking performances as a Napoleon of Legislation have made "The Man from Maine" an ambiguous title, but there is such a thing as getting too much advertising, as the horse thief said when he read the sheriff's poster.

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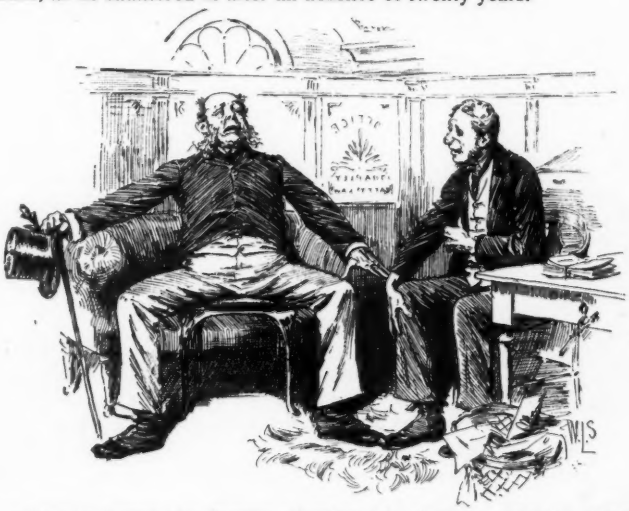
AND, speaking of advertising, the spectacle of the editor of *Chatter* locked in deadly embrace with the Postmaster-General is one fit to fill a soap-man's bosom with envious emotion. If Mr. Ralph can induce Mr. Wanamaker to prescribe the precise line which divides a newspaper from an advertising circular he will put the dictionary makers deep in his debt. The subject is one upon which Mr. Wanamaker ought to feel at home.

THE IRONY OF FATE.

"WELL, friend of other days, how are you, and how is the law? And what has become of that good boy, John, who used to dust out the corner of your office so carefully? And what has become of that bad boy, Jim, who used to skip the corner entirely?" asked the visitor, as he sauntered in after an absence of twenty years.



"Hem!" began the lawyer, clearing his throat; "fairish! fairish! John *was* a trusty boy, was'nt he? And he's a man to be proud of!—a man to be proud of! Why, sir, he's dusting out that same corner to-day just as clean as he used to sweep it."

"And that bad boy, Jim?"

"Jim! Ah, yes. Jim—he owns the corner, together with about four blocks of real estate in each direction. John and I work for him."

HANDLED WITH CARE.

"I DON'T see why you criticise the mail service. I sent a letter to a man in Chicago a month ago."

"And when did he get it?"

"He didn't get it. The letter came back to me in good shape, and that after having gone way out to San Francisco."

HE DID KNOW.

"GENERAL GREELY, do you know a snowball from a Charity Ball?"

"Yes; one strikes you on the neck and the other hits you on the pocket."

MRS. SOMEBODY'S HUSBAND.

THOUGH it may be only human
To wed for fame and pelf,
God help you if the woman
Is more famous than yourself.

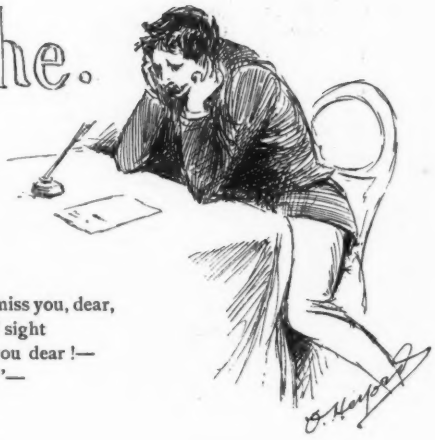
RECENT LITERATURE.

"APRIL HOPES."

"FACE TO FACE."

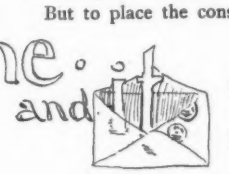
HE, SHE AND IT;

OR, LOVE'S LABOR LOST.



HE (*before writing It*).

NOW Maud is offended again!
And again I've got into a tight place.
If only my tongue I could train
Just to say the right thing in the right place!
And now I must write and explain
How her feelings at rest she may quite place,
If on my rash words she will deign
But to place the construction she *might* place.



IT.

When you asked if I should miss you, dear,
And I answered "Out of sight
Is out of mind," for this—you dear!—
You called me "impolite"—
Now had you read me right, my dear,
You surely had divined
That when you go out of my sight, my dear,
Then *I* go out of my mind!

SHE (*after reading It*).

Poor fellow! he had a hard time
That time!—and without hesitation
I grant him the palm for sublime
And ingenious extenuation—
I knew 'twas a jest all the time
That parting remark at the station!
But his efforts when put down to climb
Back into my high estimation
Are really so funny that I'm
Quite too weak to resist the temptation.

O. H.

BOOKISHNESS

"PRINCE FORTUNATUS."

IN William Black's stories you are sure to find one thing—plenty of open air and healthful exercise, and of the "joy of living" that the most jaded may find there. He may get his characters into a peck of trouble, with woes of the heart and mind besetting them, but in their worst extremity a tramp in the highlands of Scotland, a day's hunting on a moor, brilliant with white and purple heather, or a sail along the coast in a yacht, with fine mingling of storm and calm, restores the mind to its equipoise and the heart to its normal beating.

This firm grip on Nature as a great healer, this exhilaration and even ecstasy of life in the wide, free air, is a trait which belongs to all Scotch writers of imagination. No matter how uncanny their fancies, how eldritch and dowie the strange creatures that they summon into being, still, sooner or later, the robust physical traits of the Scot assert themselves, and the spirits of the air touch the earth with their feet. In Scott, Burns, John Brown, Christopher North, Macdonald, Stevenson and Black you will find this wind of the Highlands blowing fresh from loch and brae and dispelling the gloom of Calvinistic melancholy.

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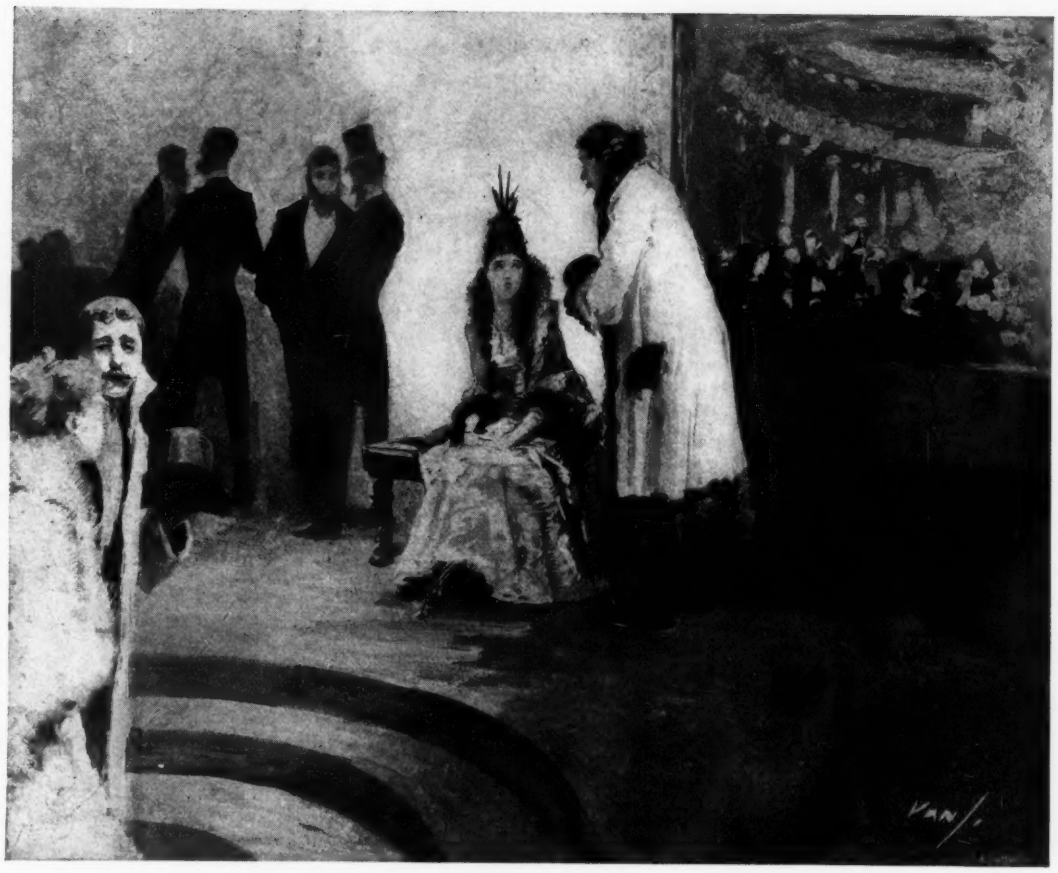
IT is one of the delights of William Black's comely story of "Prince Fortunatus" (Harper's) that the hero (a flattered and petted baritone of the comic opera) is taken away from the artificial life of the stage to a season's hunting and fishing in the Highlands. The stag hunt and salmon-fishing episodes have nothing whatever to do with the story (and as a piece of artistic novel-making very little can be said for this tale), but you are sorry when they are over, for they stir the blood and fill the fancy with the bloom of heather.

However, one must look at the story from a different side, for it is not enough to say that it is pleasant reading for an idle hour. It must stand or fall as a piece of character-drawing on the merits of *Lionel* and *Nina*, for all the rest of the people who glimmer here and there in the pages are mere sketches, except, perhaps, *Miss Burgoyne*, who is made sufficiently distinct as a vulgar and disagreeable person.

Lionel is a "woman's man"—good-natured, weak, clever and handsome. He does many generous things which cost him nothing; has the pleasures of life and a few of its cheaper prizes hurled at him; flirts with a number of women in a harmless way that should not break any hearts, and when the first little trouble comes in his path, goes down with a fever, like the goodly heroines of old-fashioned novels of sentiment.

Nina, the ingenuous and impulsive Italian girl, is a finer type, charming from first to last, and wholly lovable.



HONORS EVEN.

He: THERE'S A MAN WHO WILL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY.
She: IT IS SIMPLE GRATITUDE, PROBABLY. HE HAS FOUND OUT THAT MONEY WILL DO ANYTHING FOR HIM.

Again and again she suggests George Meredith's fascinating *Sandra Belloni*. Any comparison between them would, however, be unfair to William Black's heroine, who is sketched on a smaller canvas.

One may wonder whether *Lionel* and *Nina* will be happy in that undiscovered country called Fable-land by Thackeray. *Lionel* is so prodigal, so changeful in his fancies that one can foresee, perhaps, a deal of trouble by and by when money ceases to come to him easily. As for *Nina*, she will never change, but suffer his neglect or thoughtlessness with closed lips and a gentle heart.

Droch.

NEW BOOKS.

ALBRECHT. By Arlo Bates. Boston: Roberts Brothers.

The Bagpipers. Translated from the French of Georges Sand by Katharine Prescott Wormeley.

American Whist. Illustrated. By G. W. P. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

The Splendid Spur. Edited in modern English by Q. New York: Cassell Publishing Company.

The Fallen Pillar Saint, and Other Poems. By Susie M. Best. New York: G. W. Dillingham.

And Satan Laughed. By Sibyl Johnstone. New York: G. W. Dillingham.

Speaking of Ellen. By Albert Ross. New York: G. W. Dillingham.

A WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY THOUGHT.

IF Washington had lied that day
He chopped the cherry tree,
How different it would have been—
Our country's history!

For none can doubt that had he lied
Old Bushrod would have jumped
For his right heavy hickory stick,
And George's life out thumped.

And then—ah me!—our loved State
Indeed would have been sad;
For if G. W. then had died
It would have had
No Dad!

A MODERN NUISANCE FROM A

NCE FROM AN OLD-TIME PLEASURE.

ART AND LITERATURE.

THE series of tableaux to be given at the Berkeley Lyceum on the evenings of February 21 and 22 promise to be events of unusual importance. These tableaux, under the direct supervision of many of the first artists in the city, are to illustrate scenes from the pages of American authors. Among the attractions is a minuet, to be danced in costumes of the Court of Louis XVI. It is rare that an entertainment of this kind is offered with such a rich promise of historical accuracy and artistic taste. The performance is given for the benefit of the Messiah Home for Children.

IN spite of the noise overhead, the Elevated Railroad sleepers continue to rest quietly on their pillars.

A SERIOUS WANT OF KNOWLEDGE.

Bendetto (the Sicilian): SIGNOR! WHISTLE "IL TROVATORE"; ZE BEAR STOP AN' DANCE!
Party in distress: I D—DON'T—KNOW TH'—B—BLAMED T—TUNE!

She (trying to give the conversation a literary turn): WHAT DO YOU THINK OF "MARIE BASHKIRTSEFF"?
He (who prides himself on his general information): ER—EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT, BUT—ER—SHE'S NOT LILLIAN RUSSELL, YOU KNOW.

A TRUE STORY.

The Rev. Dr. Mudd goes to hear the phonograph.

Takes one home. "Just the thing for the sociable at my house to-night."

"They will soon be here. What shall I say into it?"

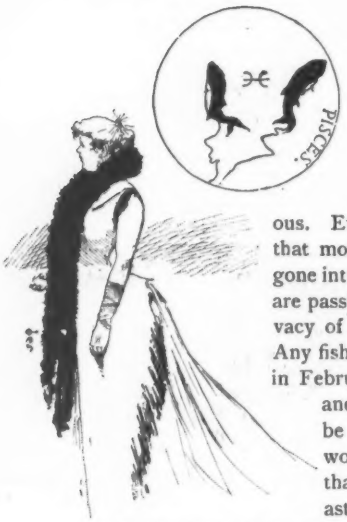
"The Beatitudes. Just the thing!"

It works to a charm, but he has to leave in the middle to receive his guests.

Polly seizes the opportunity to talk back.

"My friends, you are now about to hear the most beautiful and inspired words ever —" etc.

Dr. Mudd's resignation was unanimously accepted the next day.



LOOKED at from a North American point of view, the Zodiakers were certainly insane. The idea of adopting The Fishes as a sign for the month of February is preposterous. Every one knows that in that month all sensible fish have gone into complete retirement and are passing their time in the privacy of their domestic firesides. Any fish who would venture out in February without his overcoat and mittens would certainly be frozen to death. We would respectfully suggest that a committee of modern astronomers be appointed to revise the work of the Zodiakers. Judged by results, they were a thoroughly incompetent crowd.

Rejected Suitor: FOR DE LAN'S SAKE! EBERYBODY SEEMS TO KNOW DERE'S BEEN AN ONPLEASANTNESS ATWEEN ME AN' DINAH, AN' IT ON'Y HAPPENED TWENTY MINUTES AGO. I WUNNER HOW IT IS?

Millionairess: I HEAR THAT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED JACK POTT. WHY, I REFUSED HIM THREE TIMES!

Jack's Fiancée: OH, YES, JACK TOLD ME THAT WHENEVER HE WAS SHORT OF FUNDS HE PROPOSED TO YOU.

A MERITED PUNISHMENT.

FANGLE: Here is one woman badly punished for writing a poem.

CUMSO: Who?

FANGLE: Rose Hartwicke Thorpe. If she had not written "Curfew Must Not Ring To-night" when she was seventeen years old the newspapers would not tell everybody that she is nearly forty now.

A SIMPLE PROBLEM IN HEREDITY.

COLONEL GEORGE: That boy Mincin's father was my old comrade, and a manlier fellow I never knew. I don't see how a boy of his can be so effeminate.

CHARLEY DUDEKINS (*taking up for his friend vigorously*): I don't know who has a bettah wight to be effeminate. You forget that his mother was a woman, don't you know.

Mr. Byrnes (to Mrs. Byrnes): BRACE UP, SARAH, BRACE UP, LOOK HIGH-TONED, AND DON'T LET PEOPLE KNOW THIS IS A HIRED TEAM.

AUT SCISSORS AUT NULLUS

THE conductor of a Chicago cable car approached a hard-visaged woman and asked for her fare.

"Go on with you now; I've paid you once," said the woman.

"No, you haven't."

"Yes, I have."

"Give me a nickel or I'll put you off."

"Do, if you dare."

The conductor stopped the car and put her off. "Rather a hard thing to do," said one of the passengers, "but it served her right, I suppose."

"Oh," the conductor smilingly answered, "it wasn't hard for me to do, for it isn't often that I have a chance to get even with her. She is my wife."—*Ex.*

A TRAVELER, calling at a hotel, left his umbrella in the stand with a label attached, on which was written in bold characters: "This umbrella belongs to a man who can deal a blow with his fist of the force of 250 pounds. Coming back in ten minutes."

Having accomplished his errand, he went to look for his umbrella, but found in its place a card inscribed as follows: "This card belongs to a man who can run fifteen miles an hour. Isn't coming back."—*Elbeuvien.*

MISS HURRYUP: Ah! George, you cannot tell what troubles a girl has who is receiving the attentions of a gentleman.

MR. HOLDOFF: Troubles, Carrie? Of what nature, pray?

MISS H.: Well, one's little brothers are always making fun of one, and one's relatives are always saying, "When is it to come off?" as if marriage were a prize fight. But that is not the worst. There's the inquisitiveness of one's parents. They want to know everything. There's pa, now; he is constantly asking such questions as, "Carrie, what are Mr. Holdoff's intentions? What does he call upon you so regularly for, and stay so late when he does call?" And he sometimes looks so mad when he asks these questions that I actually tremble.

MR. H.: And what answer do you make to his questions, Carrie, dearest?

MISS H.: I can't make any answer at all, for you see, you haven't said anything to me and—and—of course I—I—

Then Mr. Holdoff whispered something in Carrie's ear, and next time her father questions her she will be ready with a satisfactory reply.

MISS SUMMIT (*at the ball*): Pardon me, Mr. Dashaway, but I believe that is my glove protruding from your pocket.

DASHAWAY (*confusedly*): Why, I wonder how it got there.

MISS SUMMIT (*severely*): I haven't the least idea. I remember giving it to Mr. Cleverton at the last ball I attended.

DASHAWAY (*a few moments later, to Cleverton*): Look here, old man, when you hire another dress suit don't leave anything in the pockets. Remember that we trade at the same place.—*Clothier and Furnisher.*

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SHE (*laughingly*): Why are you looking so intently into my eyes? Are you looking for the mote?

HE (*seriously*): No; for the beam.

Then she beamed.—*Lawrence American.*

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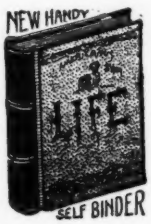

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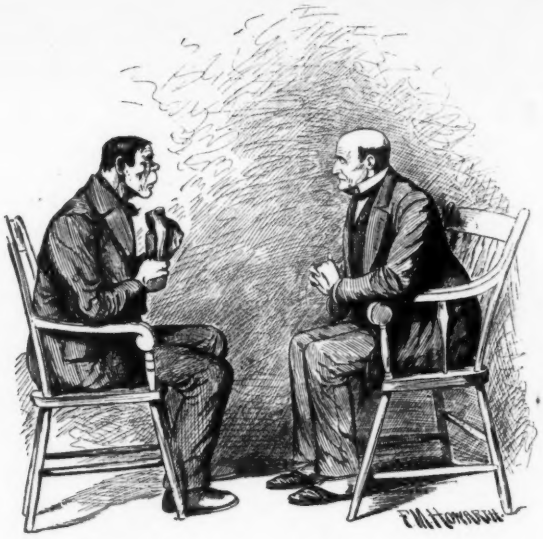

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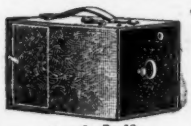

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